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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ida M. Soward

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 30Days MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 31-34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Applicant's remarks filed May 1, 2006.

Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 31-34 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on October 6, 2005. Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest

the structure of the applicant's together with the other limitations of the independent claims, such as:

In claim 1, "active circuitry on a first layer having a metal one layer comprising: a semi-fusible link element on a second layer having a metal two layer adapted for interconnecting with said metal one layer; and a selector circuit disposed on said first layer";

In claim 15, "a semi-fusible link element on a second layer having a metal two layer adapted for interconnecting with said metal one layer, said second layer being above said first layer; at least one interconnection coupling said metal one layer with said metal two layer for providing an electrical coupling between said semi-fusible link element and said active circuitry, and a selector circuit disposed on said first layer";

In claim 24, "active circuitry on a first layer having a metal one layer, comprising: a thin film resistor semi-fusible link element on a second layer having a metal two layer adapted for interconnecting with said metal one layer, said second layer being above said first layer; at least one interconnection coupling said metal one layer to said metal two layer for providing an electrical coupling between said semi-fusible link element and said active circuitry, and a selector circuit including a select transistor disposed on said first layer"; and

In claim 30, "active circuitry on a first layer having a metal one layer comprising: a semi-fusible link element on a second layer having a metal two layer adapted for interconnecting with said metal one layer; and a selector circuit disposed on said first

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layer, one of said active circuitry and said selector circuit for blowing said semi-fusible link element to effect a change in a parameter in said integrated circuit".

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to semi-fusible link systems:

Audy (US 6,246,243 B1)

Johnson et al. (US 6,780,711 B2)

Subramanian et al. (US 2006/0141679 A1)

Tanizaki (US 7,050,349 B2).

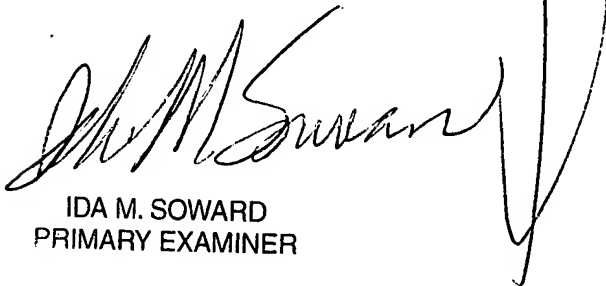
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ida M. Soward whose telephone number is 571-272-1845. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zandra V. Smith can be reached on 571-272-2429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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